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(b) if so, whether any recommendations have been made to the Central Government in this behalf; and

(c) whether any reply has been received?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The proposal is under examination.

" (c) Does not arise."

Drinking water well for Vadagupoondi.

* 1498 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri V. Gopala Goundar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation from the ryots of Vadugupoondi village in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district, was received by the Government in May 1953 for sinking a drinking water well in that village; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Representations in the matter were received from the ryots of Vadugupoondi.

" (b) The work was included in the comprehensive programme for 1954–55. The estimate for the work has been prepared. The work will be taken up soon."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question No. 1499 will be taken up tomorrow."

T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara.

* 1500 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara, Malabar, did not implement the terms of settlement arrived at before the Labour Officer, Malabar on 1st August 1953 regarding a dispute between the workers and the management by which the workers should get gratuity, leave with wages, etc.; and

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) It is reported that the workers of T.P.K. Beedi Factory, Badagara have been paid the amount due to them as per the Memorandum of settlement."

Residential quarters for M.L.As. in Government Estate.

* 1501 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many members of the Legislature have applied for residential quarters in the Government Estate;

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(*b*) for how long their applications have been pending;

(*c*) how many members have been allotted quarters; and

(*d*) the reasons for not allotting quarters for the rest?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) 56.

" (*b*) From March 1952 onwards.

" (*c*) 11.

" (*d*) Out of 26 buildings in the Government Estate, Mount Road, suitable for accommodating persons of the status of legislators, 11 have been allotted to members of the Legislature including 2 M.Ps. The remaining quarters are already in the occupation of Government servants. As the number of applications far exceeds the number of quarters available it is not possible to allot quarters to all the applicants. The Members were also not keen on taking up the quarters in 1954, when three vacant quarters were offered to 45 members. Forty Members were not willing to accept the offer, the remaining five Members also preferred only two out of the three quarters, and there was no demand at all for the third quarter."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the experience of hon. Members in this matter is (Interruption) . . . . I do not say pitiable. Though my hon. Members applied for quarters they did not get quarters. If a standard of Rs. 20 is ordinarily fixed for a certain quarters and if it is offered to an M.L.A. or an M.L.C. Government say the rent of the same quarters is Rs. 90 and the Hon. Minister says anybody coming forward to pay that rent would be given that quarters. It was said that there are about 75 quarters in the Estate. May I suggest that all these quarters should be given only to Members of the Legislature or officers connected with the legislature? The night sessions will then be attractive and there will not be any difficulty at all caused to hon. Members and staff. Will the Government consider this aspect and offer all the residential quarters only to hon. Members of the Legislature and officers connected with the Legislature?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The hon. Member's suggestion no doubt appears to be sound in theory but by the time I could find alternative accommodation for the present incumbents, the term of this Legislature will be over."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—" Why is the distinction made between M.L.As. and Government servants in respect of this matter? The Government servants are asked to pay only 10 per cent of their salary as rent." 8-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I will examine that aspect of the matter."

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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, it is not for the present Members of the Legislature that I have made that suggestion. It should be a permanent feature. Last year when I wanted temporary accommodation it was given to me. For that a provisional rent of Rs. 58 was charged but the original standard rent was only Rs. 22. But for the same accommodation a Congress Member then representing the Andhra area was charged only Rs. 32. The concerned authorities said that it was only a provisional rent and a fair rent would be fixed later on. Still the fair rent has not been fixed and the excess amount collected by way of rent has not been refunded to me. Therefore, will the Government look into the matter and rectify the mistake? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I am not aware of the allegation made by the hon. Member. He can make individual representation about his grievance and it will be attended to."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" If it arises out of the main question, will the Government consider the desirability of making available some of these houses within the precincts of the Legislature for lounge rooms and other conveniences which are not at all provided for the Members of the Legislature to-day? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I am afraid that I cannot answer that question. The hon. Member must address it to my colleague."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" When Members of Parliament receive quarters in Delhi, why should they be given quarters in the Government Estate when they are not members of the Legislature? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No, Sir, that is not the point. When they require accommodation and make representations in that regard, the Government may also consider their case and provide them with the necessary accommodation if they can possibly do it."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that in view of the house-rent falling in the City of Madras, the Members of the Legislature are not attracted to take Government quarters because the rent fixed by the Department is too high as compared to the falling rent in the City of Madras? Therefore, will the Government revise the rules relating to the fixation of rent charged for these quarters? Also may I know how many officers belonging to the Engineering Department are occupying these quarters and whether he is aware of the fact that these engineers are sub-letting their quarters to non-officials? "

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, about the revision of rent, we have to consider the principle on which the rent has been fixed and how the revision could be effected. At the same time I may tell the hon. Member that he has got the Government Legislators' Hostel if cheaper accommodation is needed."

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Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" What about the family quarters? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" There are 10 or 11 family quarters which are all occupied and the persons occupying those quarters are not raising much objection. About the revision of rent, we have to consider on what basis it is fixed and whether a revision is possible at all. About the engineering staff occupying quarters and sub-letting them, I have no knowledge about it. Now that the hon. Member has made the charge, I shall have it enquired into."

Educational concessions for N.G.Os.

* 1502 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether special fees, such as library, games, etc., are included in the school fee concessions for the children of Non-Gazetted Officers;

(*b*) whether any representation was received recently from the organization of the Non-Gazetted Officers for including the above fees also in the concessions; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" என். ஜி. ஒ.-க்களின் குழந்தைகளுக்குப் பள்ளிக்கூடச் சம்பளம் இல்லாமல் இருந்தபோதிலும்கூட ஸ்பெஷல் பீஸ் என்ற இனங்களில் கிட்டதட்ட 16 ரூபாயிலிருந்து 26 ரூபாய் செலுத்த வேண்டிய நிலைமை இருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் இதை ஆலோசனை செய்து என். ஜி. ஒக்களுக்கு இந்த ஸ்பெஷல் பீஸ்கள் இல்லாமல் செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" எப்பொழுதுமே ஒரு சலுகை கொடுத்தால் அதற்குமேல் இன்னொரு சலுகைவேண்டுமென்று கேட்பது வழக்கமாகிவிட்டது. அதைத்தான் எதிர்க்கட்சி உபதலைவர் அவர்களும் அனுஷ்டிக்கிறார்கள்."

Medical facilities for Vadavannur, Palghat.

* 1503 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri R. Krishnan is not in his seat. The question and answer will be printed in the official proceedings."

Sri R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 31st August 1954, from the Mahila Samajam (Branch of the A.I.W.C.), Vadavannur, Palghat, Malabar, regarding the inadequacy of medical facilities in the village; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?